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1. AMBASSADOR LEARNED JANUARY 15 THAT INDONESIAN PLANNING MINISTER WIDJOJO NITISASTRA HAS LEFT FOR TEHRAN SEEKING TO CONCLUDE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE JULIANTO INFORMED US THAT WIDJOJO'S PRINCIPAL AIDE IN FINANCING MATTERS, DR. SALEH AFFIF, ALSO LEAVES FOR TEHRAN THIS WEEK ON HIS WAY BACK TO INDONESIA FROM DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH U.S. EXIM BANK. JULIANTO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TEHRAN DISCUSSIONS PROGRESSING FAVORABLY. HE SEEMED OPTIMISTIC FULL AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED. HE CONFIRMED \$200 MILLION AS AMOUNT UNDER DISCUSSION -- ENTIRE AMOUNT FOR FERTILIZER PROJECTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. JANUARY 15 MINISTER OF MINES SADLI TOLD AMBASSADRO
 THAT CURRENT IRANIAN/INDONESIAN TALKS WERE RESULT AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN SHAH AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO DURING FORMER'S
 RECENT VISIT JAKARTA. SADLI SAID WITHOUT AGREEMENT AT
 TOP COOPERATION WITH IRAN NOT POSSIBLE SINCE LINE OF
 APPLICANTS FOR IRANIAN MONEY IS SO LONG. EVEN SO,
 INITIAL MEETINGS WITH IRANIANS WENT BADLY BECAUSE OF
 IRANIAN INEXPERIENCE IN AID GIVING. WITHOUT BEING
 SPECIFIC, HE SAID INITIAL DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN SMOOTHED
 OUT AND INDONESIAN LOOKED FOR FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP.
- 3. WOULD APPRECIATE INSIGHTS EMBASSY TEHRAN MIGHT OBTAIN INTO RESULTS OF WIDJOJO VISIT AS WELL AS LONGER TERM POSSIBILITIES FOR IRANIAN FINANCING OF INDONESIA DEVELOPMENT.
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